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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 10, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.